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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE :
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION :
OF :

MELVIN E. SPRUILL :

Administrative Action

TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG :
COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF :
NEW JERSEY :

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselors Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Committee"), upon review of Mr. Spruill's application for certification. Mr. Spruill is presently a Certified Social Worker in the State of New Jersey. In Mr. Spruill's application for certification he disclosed that he had been suspended for a one year by the Addiction Professional Certification Board of New Jersey, Inc. Mr. Spruill submitted a letter from the Certification Board, dated December 20, 2000 stating that his certification had been suspended for one year. The suspension resulted from his having submitted a certificate for a continuing education class for recertification as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor that he did not fully attend. Additionally, he was

required to complete the course and complete a six hour Ethics course.

The Committee having reviewed Mr. Spruill's application, evidence of his success in the field of alcohol and drug counseling, that he had been reinstated by the Certification Board after serving a one year suspension, that the misconduct occurred approximately five years ago, that he was forthright with the Committee; and the Committee finding that the following disposition of this matter is adequately protective of the public, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 8th DAY OF Sept, 2005

ORDERED:

1. Mr. Spruill shall be granted a certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling upon compliance with the terms of this Consent Order and all requirements for certification.

2. Mr. Spruill is reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) for his act of misrepresenting that he fully attended a continuing education class necessary for recertification as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor.


3. Mr. Spruill shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) upon the signing of this Consent Order. Payment shall be by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. Mr. Spruill shall take a one semester, three (3) credit college level ethics course at an accredited institution. The course shall be pre-approved by the Committee. The course shall be completed within one year of the signing of this Consent Order and Mr. Spruill shall submit proof within two weeks of completion of the course, of full attendance at the course and successful completion

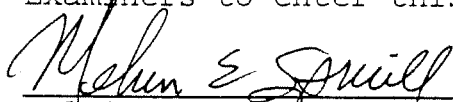
of the course. This course shall not be used to complete the minimum number of required contact hours of continuing education for any renewal application.

5. Within two weeks of completion of the ethics course described in paragraph #4 above, the applicant shall submit an essay to the Committee explaining the lessons and concepts he learned from the ethics course and how he will apply those specific lessons and concepts to his professional and personal life.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COMMITTEE OF THE NEW
JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS


By: Edward Reading
Committee Chair, LCADC

I have read the above order
and I understand and agree to
abide by its terms. Consent is
hereby given to the Committee of
Alcohol and Drug Counselors of the
Board of Marriage and Family Therapy
Examiners to enter this Order.


Melvin E. Spruill